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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Timothy James REGAN  
For : METHOD OF MODIFYING AN  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent  
application, applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows:

**(THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS ARE MADE TO THE  
CLAIMS AS AMENDED BEFORE THE PCT INTERNATIONAL  
AUTHORITIES. SUBSTITUTE SHEETS SHOWING THE  
CLAIMS AS PENDING BEFORE ENTRY OF THIS  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ARE ANNEXED TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT  
(IPER) SUBMITTED HEREWITH)**